

In The Claims

Kindly amend claims 3, 6, 7 and 8, as follows:

*B1* 3. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said work material is a liquid solution.

*B2* 6. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein said thiosulfate is selected from the group

consisting of calcium thiosulfate, potassium thiosulfate, sodium thiosulfate and ammonium thiosulfate.

*B3* 7. (Once Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said thiosulfate is calcium thiosulfate.

8. (Once Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said liquid is water.